

**BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter of the Accusation  
Against:**

**Paul Robert Hladon, M.D.**

**Case No. 800-2017-032587**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. A 68401**

**Respondent**

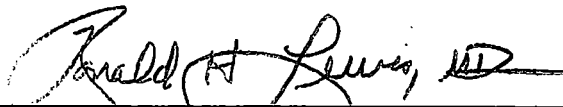
**DECISION**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2018.

IT IS SO ORDERED: March 28, 2018.

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**



**Ronald H. Lewis, M.D., Chair  
Panel A**

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12 **PAUL ROBERT HLADON, M.D.**

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A**  
16 **68401**

17 Respondent.

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20 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
21 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

22 **PARTIES**

23 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board  
24 of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in  
25 this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Emily L. Brinkman,  
26 Deputy Attorney General.

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2. Respondent PAUL ROBERT HLADON, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Scott J. Harris, whose address is: 8383 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 830, Beverly Hills, CA 90211

3. On or about May 14, 1999, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 68401 to PAUL ROBERT HLADON, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2017-032587, and will expire on March 31, 2019, unless renewed.

## JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2017-032587 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on August 1, 2017. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2017-032587 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2017-032587. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

3. CLINICAL COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a clinical competence assessment program approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall successfully complete the program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment unless the Board or its designee agrees in writing to an extension of that time.

The program shall consist of a comprehensive assessment of Respondent's physical and mental health and the six general domains of clinical competence as defined by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education and American Board of Medical Specialties pertaining to Respondent's current or intended area of practice. The program shall take into account data obtained from the pre-assessment, self-report forms and interview, and the Decision(s), Accusation(s), and any other information that the Board or its designee deems relevant. The program shall require Respondent's on-site participation for a minimum of three (3) and no more than five (5) days as determined by the program for the assessment and clinical education evaluation. Respondent shall pay all expenses associated with the clinical competence assessment program.

At the end of the evaluation, the program will submit a report to the Board or its designee which unequivocally states whether the Respondent has demonstrated the ability to practice safely and independently. Based on Respondent's performance on the clinical competence assessment, the program will advise the Board or its designee of its recommendation(s) for the scope and length of any additional educational or clinical training, evaluation or treatment for any medical condition or psychological condition, or anything else affecting Respondent's practice of medicine. Respondent shall comply with the program's recommendations.

Determination as to whether Respondent successfully completed the clinical competence assessment program is solely within the program's jurisdiction.

If Respondent fails to enroll, participate in, or successfully complete the clinical

1 competence assessment program within the designated time period, Respondent shall receive a  
2 notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3)  
3 calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine  
4 until enrollment or participation in the outstanding portions of the clinical competence assessment  
5 program have been completed. If the Respondent did not successfully complete the clinical  
6 competence assessment program, the Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until a  
7 final decision has been rendered on the accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation. The  
8 cessation of practice shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.]

9 Within 60 days after Respondent has successfully completed the clinical competence  
10 assessment program, Respondent shall participate in a professional enhancement program  
11 approved in advance by the Board or its designee, which shall include quarterly chart review,  
12 semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and education.  
13 Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at Respondent's expense  
14 during the term of probation, or until the Board or its designee determines that further  
15 participation is no longer necessary.

16 4. MONITORING - PRACTICE/BILLING. Within 30 calendar days of the effective  
17 date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval as a  
18 practice monitor, the name and qualifications of one or more licensed physicians and surgeons  
19 whose licenses are valid and in good standing, and who are preferably American Board of  
20 Medical Specialties (ABMS) certified. A monitor shall have no prior or current business or  
21 personal relationship with Respondent, or other relationship that could reasonably be expected to  
22 compromise the ability of the monitor to render fair and unbiased reports to the Board, including  
23 but not limited to any form of bartering, shall be in Respondent's field of practice, and must agree  
24 to serve as Respondent's monitor. Respondent shall pay all monitoring costs.

25 The Board or its designee shall provide the approved monitor with copies of the Decision(s)  
26 and Accusation(s), and a proposed monitoring plan. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of the  
27 Decision(s), Accusation(s), and proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a signed  
28 statement that the monitor has read the Decision(s) and Accusation(s), fully understands the role

1 of a monitor, and agrees or disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan. If the monitor disagrees  
2 with the proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a revised monitoring plan with the  
3 signed statement for approval by the Board or its designee.

4 Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and continuing throughout  
5 probation, Respondent's medical practice shall be monitored by the approved monitor.  
6 Respondent shall make all records available for immediate inspection and copying on the  
7 premises by the monitor at all times during business hours and shall retain the records for the  
8 entire term of probation.

9 If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a monitor within 60 calendar days of the effective  
10 date of this Decision, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to  
11 cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent  
12 shall cease the practice of medicine until a monitor is approved to provide monitoring  
13 responsibility.

14 The monitor(s) shall submit a quarterly written report to the Board or its designee which  
15 includes an evaluation of Respondent's performance, indicating whether Respondent's practices  
16 are within the standards of practice of medicine, and whether Respondent is practicing medicine  
17 safely, billing appropriately or both. It shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent to ensure  
18 that the monitor submits the quarterly written reports to the Board or its designee within 10  
19 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

20 If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within 5 calendar days of  
21 such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, the  
22 name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that responsibility within  
23 15 calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a replacement monitor within 60  
24 calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the monitor, Respondent shall receive a  
25 notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3)  
26 calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until a  
27 replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring responsibility.

28 In lieu of a monitor, Respondent may participate in a professional enhancement program



1 approved in advance by the Board or its designee that includes, at minimum, quarterly chart  
2 review, semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and  
3 education. Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at Respondent's  
4 expense during the term of probation.

5 5. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the  
6 Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the  
7 Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to  
8 Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine,  
9 including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief  
10 Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to  
11 Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15  
12 calendar days.

13 This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

14 6. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE  
15 NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and  
16 advanced practice nurses.

17 7. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules  
18 governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court  
19 ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

20 8. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations  
21 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been  
22 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

23 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end  
24 of the preceding quarter.

25 9. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

26 Compliance with Probation Unit

27 Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit.

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1       Address Changes

2       Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and  
3 residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such  
4 addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no  
5 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business  
6 and Professions Code section 2021(b).

7       Place of Practice

8       Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place  
9 of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed  
10 facility.

11       License Renewal

12       Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's  
13 license.

14       Travel or Residence Outside California

15       Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any  
16 areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty  
17 (30) calendar days.

18       In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice,  
19 Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of  
20 departure and return.

21       10. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be  
22 available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the  
23 probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

24       11. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or  
25 its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than  
26 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is  
27 defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and  
28 Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct

1 patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If  
2 Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall  
3 comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training  
4 program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-  
5 practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of  
6 probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while  
7 on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be  
8 considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a  
9 period of non-practice.

10 In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar  
11 months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Boards's Special  
12 Purpose Examination, or, at the Board's discretion, a clinical competence assessment program  
13 that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model  
14 Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

15 Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

16 Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

17 Periods of non-practice for a Respondent residing outside of California will relieve  
18 Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the  
19 exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws;  
20 General Probation Requirements; Quarterly Declarations; Abstain from the Use of Alcohol and/or  
21 Controlled Substances; and Biological Fluid Testing.

22 12. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial  
23 obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the  
24 completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall  
25 be fully restored.

26 13. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition  
27 of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the  
28 Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and

1 carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation,  
2 or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have  
3 continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until  
4 the matter is final.

5 14. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if  
6 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy  
7 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.  
8 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in  
9 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate  
10 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent  
11 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its  
12 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject  
13 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the  
14 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

15 15. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated  
16 with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which  
17 may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of  
18 California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar  
19 year.

20 ACCEPTANCE

21 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
22 discussed it with my attorney, Scott J. Harris. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will  
23 have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and  
24 Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the  
25 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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27 DATED: 3 FEB 2018

  
28 PAUL ROBERT HLADON, M.D.  
Respondent

1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent PAUL ROBERT HLADON, M.D. the  
2 terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and  
3 Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

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5 DATED:

2/5/2017

  
SCOTT J. HARRIS  
Attorney for Respondent

7 ENDORSEMENT

8 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully  
9 submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

10 Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

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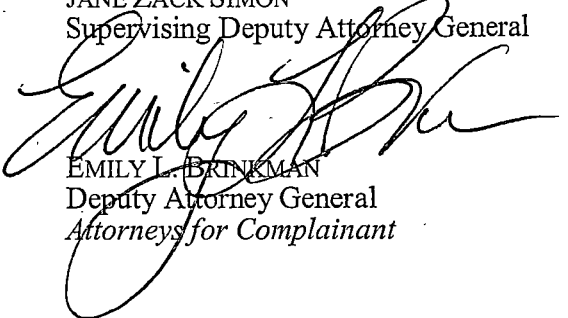
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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2017-032587**

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ACCUSATION

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
No. A68401,

17 Respondent.

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19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official  
22 capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer  
23 Affairs (Board).

24 2. On or about May 14, 1999, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
25 Certificate Number A68401 to Paul Robert Hladon, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and  
26 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein  
27 and will expire on March 31, 2019, unless renewed.

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**JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

5. Section 141 of the Code states:

"(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of the department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.

"(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by that board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country."

6. Section 2305 of the Code provides, in part, that the revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by another state or an agency of the federal government upon a license to practice medicine issued by that state, or the revocation, suspension, or restriction of the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the federal government, that would have been grounds for discipline in California under the Medical Practice Act, constitutes grounds for discipline for unprofessional conduct.

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7. Section 2234 of the Code, states, in relevant part:

“The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

“(b) Gross negligence.

“(c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.

“(1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.

“(2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

“(d) Incompetence.

“(f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a certificate.”

**CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

**(Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Another Jurisdiction)**

8. On or about September 9, 2016, the Department of Air Force revoked Paul Robert Hladon, M.D.'s (Respondent) clinical privileges and removed him from all clinical care at the 61<sup>st</sup> Medical Squadron indefinitely. The basis of the revocation followed a Peer Review Process identifying that Respondent failed to document a history of present illness, failed to document performing physical examinations, and failed to provide medical care at the skill level of a family physician. Copies of the relevant confidential Department of Air Force documents will be provided to the Court upon request.

9. Respondent's conduct and the actions of the Department of Air Force as set forth in paragraph 8 above, constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of section 2234 and conduct subject to discipline within the meaning of sections 141 and/or 2305 of the code.

## PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A68401, issued to Paul Robert Hladon, M.D.;
2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Paul Robert Hladon, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
3. Ordering Paul Robert Hladon, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and
4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: August 1, 2017

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